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E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S STATEMENT

REF: CAIRO 18161

1. SECRETARY DID NOT CHARACTERIZE SADAT'S DECISION NOT
TO RESUME DIRECT DIALOGUE WITH JERUSALEM AS "A NEW
OBSTACLE TO PEACE," OR USE ANY OTHER WORDS TO THAT EFFECT
EITHER DURING OR AFTER HIS APPEARANCE AUG. 1 BEFORE SFRC.

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2. NO TRANSCRIPT OF THE EXCHANGE WAS TAKEN. AS NEARLY AS
WE CAN RECONSTRUCT IT THIS EXCHANGE WITH THE PRESS AFTER
THE SECRETARY LEFT THE CLOSED HEARING OF THE FOREIGN RELA-
TIONS COMMITTEE WENT PRETTY MUCH AS FOLLOWS:

QUESTION: WILL YOU BE TAKING AN AMERICAN PEACE PLAN TO
THE MIDDLE EAST ON THIS TRIP?

ANSWER: NO. BUT WE HAVE MADE IT CLEAR ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS THAT WHEN OBSTACLES ARISE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WE WILL FEEL FREE TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS TO OVERCOME THOSE OBSTACLES.

QUESTION: ARE THERE NOT OBSTACLES NOW IN THE NEGOTIATIONS?

ANSWER: YES. AND WE WOULD FEEL FREE TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS IN AN EFFORT TO OVERCOME THEM.

3. IT SHOULD BE CLEAR FROM THE ABOVE--AND YOU MAY TELL KAMEL--THAT THE SECRETARY WAS TRYING TO BUILD A BASE FOR ADVANCING AMERICAN IDEAS TO MOVE THE NEGOTIATIONS FORWARD. FYI. I HAVE TALKED WITH THE SECRETARY ABOUT THIS, AND THAT IS HIS OWN DESCRIPTION OF HIS PURPOSE. END FYI.

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